

**2003**  
**Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Daily Traffic Volume Estimates**  
**Including Vehicle Classification Estimates**  
where available

**Special Locality Report**  
**113**  
City of Galax

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The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conducts a program where traffic count data are gathered from sensors in or along streets and highways and other sources. From these data, estimates of the average number of vehicles that traveled each segment of road are calculated. VDOT periodically publishes booklets listing these estimates.

One of these booklets, titled “Average Daily Traffic Volumes with Vehicle Classification Data, on Interstate, Arterial and Primary Routes” includes a list of each Interstate and Primary highway segment with the estimated Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for that segment. AADT is the total annual traffic estimate divided by the number of days in the year. This booklet also includes information such as estimates of the percentage of the AADT made up by 6 different vehicle types, ranging from cars to double trailer trucks; estimated Annual Average Weekday Traffic (AAWDT), which is the number of vehicles estimated to have traveled the segment of highway during a 24 hour weekday averaged over the year; as well as Peak Hour and Peak Direction factors used by planners to formulate design criteria.

In addition to the Primary and Interstate publication, one hundred books are published periodically, one for each of 100 areas across the state defined by VDOT for record-keeping purposes. These books include traffic volume estimates for roads within the county, cities, and towns within the area. These books are titled “Daily Traffic Volumes Including Vehicle Classification Estimates, where available; Jurisdiction Report numbers 00 through 99”.

Also available are a number of reports summarizing the average Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in selected jurisdictions and other categories of highways. There are many different ways to present traffic volume summary information. Because the user determines the value of each presentation, the reports have been redesigned based on user requests and feedback. The people at VDOT Mobility Management’s Traffic Monitoring Section who produce these books welcome requests for other helpful ways of presenting the summary information.

A compact disc (CD) is available that includes files in the Adobe® Portable Document Format (PDF) that can be displayed, searched, and printed using common desktop computer equipment. The CD includes the publications described above as well as a number of other reports, including specialized VMT summaries and smaller AADT reports for each city and town separately.

## **Publication Notes**

### **Parallel Roads**

For road inventory and management purposes, some roadways are counted separately by direction and have separately published traffic estimates for each direction of travel. Examples of such roadways are the interstate system and routes with separated facilities and (usually) one-way traffic facilities in urban areas. In these publications, they are referred to as parallel roads. As a convenience for the users of the publication, the listing for segments of roads with parallel segments are published with both the traffic estimates for their own direction of travel (e.g. I-95 Northbound) as well as the estimate of the total of all traffic on the same route including parallel roadways (all directions of I-95). The publication will have a “Combined Traffic Estimates for Parallel Roadways on this Route” or “Combined Traffic” identifiers for the combined direction of travel estimates.

Roadways such as I-395 with a North segment, a South segment and a separate Reversible lane segment will have the estimate for more than two parallel roadways included in the entire combined traffic estimate.

Some routes have very complicated paths through cities and towns. These parallel paths may be too complex to allow a relationship between nearby sections of the opposite direction on the same route. In this case, to indicate that the traffic estimates for such a road segment may not include all directions of traffic on that route, the line that would list the combined values will indicate “NA” for not available.

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VDOT’s traffic monitoring program includes more than 100,000 segments of roads and highways ranging from several mile sections of Interstate highways to very short sections of city streets. Due to problems experienced obtaining some traffic count data, and the level of quality necessary to maintain confidence in the data, no estimate is currently available for some segments of roadway. These segments are included in the publications indicating “NA” for not available. It is the intention of the VDOT’s Mobility Management Traffic Monitoring group to obtain the data necessary and to report traffic volume estimates on all road segments included in these publications.

Many of the road segments in this program are local secondary roads. The amount and detail of data collected on these roads are not as great as the data collected on higher volume roads. The vehicle classification, average weekday traffic volumes, and the theoretical design hour traffic volumes are not calculated for these roads. The publications indicate “NA” for the information that is not available.

This publication is based on a traffic monitoring program initiated in 1997. Because the data collection techniques and statistical evaluation processes are different than those used in previous years, comparison with previous publications may be misleading.

## Glossary of Terms:

**Route:** The Route Number assigned to this segment of roadway with the master inventory route number if this is an overlapping route, with official street or highway name if available.

**Length:** Length of the traffic segment in miles.

**AADT:** Annual Average Daily Traffic. The estimate of typical daily traffic on a road segment for all days of the week, Sunday through Saturday, over the period of one year.

### QA: Quality of AADT:

- A Average of Complete Continuous Count Data
- B Average of Selected Continuous Count Data
- F Factored Short Term Traffic Count Data
- G Factored Short Term Traffic Count Data with Growth Element
- H Historical Estimate
- M Manual Uncounted Estimate
- N AADT of Similar Neighboring Traffic Link
- O Provided By External Source
- R Raw Traffic Count, Unfactored

**4Tire:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of motorcycles, passenger cars, vans and pickup trucks.

**Bus:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of busses.

**2Axle Truck:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of 2 axle single unit trucks (not including pickups and vans).

**3+Axle Truck:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of single unit trucks with three or more axles.

**1Trail Truck:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of units with a single trailer.

**2Trail Truck:** Percentage of the traffic volume made up of units with more than one trailer.

### QC: Quality of Classification Data:

- A Average of Complete Continuous Count Data
- B Average of Selected Continuous Count Data
- C Short Term Classified Traffic Count Data
- F Factored Short Term Traffic Count Data
- H Historical Estimate
- M Mass Collective Average
- N Classification Estimates of Similar Neighboring Traffic Link

**K Factor:** The estimate of the portion of the traffic volume traveling during the peak hour or design hour.

**QK:** Quality of the Peak Hour estimate:

- A Factor based on 30th Highest Hour Observed During at least 250 days of Continuous Traffic Data
- B Factor based on other Hour Observed During Less than 250 days of Continuous Traffic Data
- F Factor based on Highest Hour Collected at in a 48 Hour Weekday Period
- M Factor based on Manual Estimate of design hour
- N Peak Hour Factor of Similar Neighboring Traffic Link
- O Provided by External Source

**Dir Factor:** The estimate of the portion of the traffic volume traveling in the peak direction during the peak hour..

**AAWDT:** Average Annual Weekday Traffic. The estimate of typical traffic over the period of one year for the days between Monday through Thursday inclusive.





**QW:** Quality of AAWDT:

- A Average of Complete Continuous Count Data
- B Average of Selected Continuous Count Data
- F Factored Short Term Traffic Count Data
- G Factored Short Term Traffic Count Data with Growth Element
- M Manual Uncounted Estimate
- N AAWDT of Similar Neighboring Traffic Link
- O Provided by External Source

**Year:** Year for which the published values are appropriate. If the Quality of AADT (QA) is "R", the year is the year that the raw traffic count was collected, and if available,

## Route Shield Legend

### Route Systems

North 	Interstate Route	Traffic volume data for Interstate Routes and some other routes are reported separately by direction, as well as combined.
	US Route	
	Virginia State Route	
	Secondary Route	

### Special Routes

Bus 	Bus - Business Route
	Bypas - Bypass Route
	Truck - Truck Route
ALT 	ALT - Alternate Route
	Wve - Wye Route connector
	P - Parallel Route; Southbound or Westbound direction lanes of a numbered route where they are on a different road facility than the other direction.
	The VDOT Maintenance Jurisdiction number is displayed below the Secondary Route Number if the Maintenance Jurisdiction is different than the jurisdiction in the title of the report.

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Route		Length	AADT	QA	4Tire	Bus	Truck-----				QC	K Factor	QK	Dir Factor	AAWDT	QW	Year
							2Axle	3+Axle	1Trail	2Trail							
City of Galax																	
58	Galax Bypass	0.47	9700	G	From:	WCL Galax				C	0.096	F	0.619	10000	G	2003	
					To:	Oldtown Rd											
58	Galax Bypass	1.10	7800	G	From:	Oldtown Rd				F	0.095	F	0.626	8200	G	2003	
					To:	Fries Rd											
58	Galax Bypass	0.20	13000	G	From:	Fries Rd				F	0.090	F	0.605	14000	G	2003	
					To:	SR 89 Main St											
58	Stuart Dr	0.34	16000	G	From:	SR 89 Main St				F	0.09	F	0.582	17000	G	2003	
					To:	Meadow St											
58	Stuart Dr	1.81	20000	G	From:	Meadow St				F	0.083	F	0.543	21000	G	2003	
					To:	Haynes Rd											
58	Stuart Dr	1.10	16000	G	From:	Haynes Rd				C	0.084	F	0.581	17000	G	2003	
					To:	ECL Galax											
89	Main Street	1.26	7000	G	From:	SCL Galax				C	0.101	F	0.522	7400	G	2003	
					To:	SR 97 Pipers Gap Rd											
89	Main Street	0.90	7200	G	From:	SR 97 Pipers Gap Rd				C	0.091	F	0.622	7700	G	2003	
					To:	Maroon Tide Dr											
89	Main Street	0.16	5700	G	From:	Maroon Tide Dr				F	0.091	F	0.519	6000	G	2003	
					To:	Oldtown St											
89	Main Street	0.63	4800	G	From:	Oldtown St				C	0.09	F	0.592	5100	G	2003	
					To:	US 58 Stuart Dr											
97	Pipers Gap Rd	0.11	2900	G	From:	SR 89 Main St				C	0.085	F	0.616	3100	G	2003	
					To:	ECL Galax											
221 58	Galax Bypass	0.47	9700	G	From:	WCL Galax				C	0.096	F	0.619	10000	G	2003	
					To:	Oldtown Rd											
221 58	Galax Bypass	1.10	7800	G	From:	Oldtown Rd				F	0.095	F	0.626	8200	G	2003	
					To:	Fries Rd											
221 58	Galax Bypass	0.20	13000	G	From:	Fries Rd				F	0.090	F	0.605	14000	G	2003	
					To:	SR 89 MAIN ST											
221 58	Stuart Dr	0.34	16000	G	From:	SR 89 MAIN ST				F	0.09	F	0.582	17000	G	2003	
					To:	Meadow St											
221 58	Stuart Dr	1.81	20000	G	From:	Meadow St				F	0.083	F	0.543	21000	G	2003	
					To:	Haynes Rd											
221 58	Stuart Dr	1.10	16000	G	From:	Haynes Rd				C	0.084	F	0.581	17000	G	2003	
					To:	ECL Galax											
2	Calhoun St	0.07	2300	G	From:	Jefferson St				C	0.109	F	0.636	2500	G	2003	
					To:	SR 89 Main St											
3	Fries Rd	0.58	1500	G	From:	US 58 Stuart Dr				C	0.106	F	0.665	1600	G	2003	
					To:	Sherry La											
3	Fries Rd	1.03	1900	G	From:	Sherry La				F	0.093	F	0.607	2000	G	2003	
					To:	NCL Galax											
4	Iron Bridge Rd	0.21	NA		From:	113-3 Fries Rd				NA			NA				
					To:	38-607 JB-113 Gap Terminus NCL Galax											
4051	Branch St	0.43	360	G	From:	SCL Galax				C	0.125	F	0.673	390	G	2003	
					To:	SR 89 Main St											

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4052	Oldtown Rd	0.37	1100	G	From:	WCL Galax				C	0.104	F	0.720	1100	G	2003	
					To:	US 58											
4052	Stuart Dr	0.48	4400	G	From:	US 58 Bypass				F	0.094	F	0.562	4600	G	2003	
					To:												
4052	Stuart Dr	0.29	4600	G	From:	Alderman St				F	0.094	F	0.596	4900	G	2003	
					To:	Stanford St											
4052	Mac Arthur St	0.19	3400	G	From:	US 58 Stuart Dr				C	0.125	F	0.697	3600	G	2003	
					To:	Circle Dr											
4052	Mac Arthur St	0.31	2600	G	From:					F	0.106	F	0.505	2800	G	2003	
					To:	SR 89 Main St											
4053	Lineberry Rd	1.21	5000	G	From:	SR 89 Main St				C	0.097	F	0.630	5400	G	2003	
					To:	Oldtown St											
4053	Meadow St	0.59	9400	G	From:					F	0.091	F	0.562	10000	G	2003	
					To:	US 58 E Stuart Dr											
4054	Grayson St	0.38	1600	G	From:	Stuart Dr				C	0.110	F	0.617	1700	G	2003	
					To:	Meadow St											
4055	Jefferson St	0.12	1200	G	From:	Calhoun St				C	0.117	F	0.535	1200	G	2003	
					To:	Grayson St											
4055	Jefferson St	0.29	1400	G	From:					C	0.106	F	0.524	1400	G	2003	
					To:	US 58 Stuart Dr											
4056	Oldtown St	0.14	2500	G	From:	Meadow St				C	0.107	F	0.607	2700	G	2003	
					To:	Oak St											
4056	Poplar Knob Rd	1.08	1900	G	From:					F	0.109	F	0.69	2000	G	2003	
					To:	ECL Galax											
4057	Country Club Ln	0.21	1100	G	From:	SECL Galax				F	0.105	F	0.571	1100	G	2003	
					To:	Poplar Knob Rd											
4057	Country Club La	0.78	3100	G	From:					C	0.096	F	0.554	3300	G	2003	
					To:	US 58 E Stuart Dr											
4057	Dixon La	0.32	860	G	From:					F	0.124	F	0.711	910	G	2003	
					To:	Glendale Rd											
4058	Glendale Rd	0.62	6500	G	From:	US 58 E Stuart Dr				F	0.099	F	0.545	6900	G	2003	
					To:	Cliffview Rd											
4058	Glendale Rd	1.05	6000	G	From:					C	0.090	F	0.594	6400	G	2003	
					To:	Haynes Rd											
4058	Glendale Rd	1.02	3500	G	From:					F	0.088	F	0.549	3700	G	2003	
					To:	NCL Galax											
4059	Cliffview Rd	0.39	4500	G	From:	Glendale Rd				C	0.1	F	0.521	4800	G	2003	
					To:	NCL Galax											
4060	Cranberry Rd	0.24	2600	G	From:	Glendale Rd				C	0.092	F	0.528	2700	G	2003	
					To:	US 58 Stuart Dr											
4060	Cranberry Rd	0.30	1900	G	From:					F	0.110	F	0.658	2000	G	2003	
					To:	ECL Galax											



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City of Galax																
Calloway St		370	G	From:	Webster St					0.105	F	0.506	390	G		2003
				To:	Hanks St											
Clover St		1100	G	From:	Stanley Dr					0.108	F	0.594	1100	G		2003
				To:	Valley St											
Forrest Ave		120	G	From:	Country Club Ln					0.093	F	0.615	130	G		2003
				To:	Cross St											
Kenbrook Dr		330	G	From:	Piine Knoll Dr					0.091	F	0.761	350	G		2003
				To:	Scotland Dr											
Langer Meadow		5300	G	From:	SR 89					0.086	F	0.57	5700	G		2003
				To:	Bedsaul Rd											